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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: CONVERSATIONS WITH CATHOLIC GROUPS
AND RHODESIAN PROMOTION COUNCIL

1. GRAHAM AND I RECEIVED A JOINT DELEGATION OF THE CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOPS OF RHODESIA AND CATHOLIC COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 24. IT WAS A MIXED GROUP OF EUROPEANS AND AFRICANS, SOME OF WHOM HAD RECENTLY VISITED LUSAKA AND MAPUTO FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH NKOMO AND MUGABE. THESE INCLUDED A MR. AURET, ARCHBISHOP CHAKAIPA, AND A YOUNGER AFRICAN (PF SUPPORTER).

2. MR. AURET REPORTED THAT THEY HAD MADE A POINT OF DESCRIBING TO BOTH NKOMO AND MUGABE THE TERRIBLE SUFFERING IN THE RURAL AREAS OF RHODESIA; THE GROWING STARVATION AS AFRICANS ARE DEPRIVED OF THEIR INCOME FROM WORKING ON WHITE COMMERCIAL FARMS, AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM THEIR OWN PRODUCTION IN THE TTLS. HE SAID HE WAS NOT SURE THAT EITHER OF THE TWO PF LEADERS HAD AN ACCURATE UNDERSTANDING OF THIS.

3. MR. AURET THEN RELATED THE DEMANDS WHICH, HE SAID, NKOMO
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SAID WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR A SETTLEMENT. THEY FOLLOWED VERY CLOSELY THE PF POSITION AT DAR EXCEPT THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE AREA OF MILITARY INTEGRATION. ACCORDING TO AURET, NKOMO HAD ACCEPTED THAT INITIALLY AT LEAST THE PF FORCES WOULD BE "CONFINED TO BARRACKS." ON SUCH MATTERS AS THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, HE WAS STILL DEMANDING A SMALL MAJORITY. LAW AND ORDER WAS TO BE IN THE HANDS OF THE

UN FORCES AND PF POLICE. MR. AURET SEEMED TO FEEL THAT THE DEMANDS WERE REASONABLE. BOTH AURET AND THE ARCHBISHOP REPORTED THAT MUGABE HAD BEEN CORDIAL TO THEM. THEY PRESSED HIM ON THE MATTER OF AMNESTY.

4. LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, GRAHAM AND I HAD DRINKS WITH C.G. TRACY, AND DAVID LEWIS, THE GUIDING LIGHTS OF THE RHODESIAN PROMOTION COUNCIL, AN ORGANIZATION AIMED AT PROMOTING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE RACES IN RHODESIA. THE TWO HAD ALSO MET WITH NKOMO IN LONDON. THEY SAID THEY RECEIVED THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION FROM NKOMO THAT HE WOULD, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, ACCEPT A GOVERNING COUNCIL IN WHICH THE PF AND SALISBURY GROUP WERE REPRESENTED ON THE BASIS OF PARITY. THEY ALSO REPORTED THAT NKOMO HAD PROPOSED THAT THE PROPORTION OF PF TO RHODESIAN DEFENSE FORCES BE FIVE TO THREE IN THE MILITARY, AND THREE TO FIVE IN THE POLICE. NEITHER TRACY NOR LEWIS SEEMED TO FIND THIS PARTICULARLY A PROBLEM.
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